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SPORTS

K-State football, volleyball, cross country and men's and women's basketball teams will be in action this weekend. Get the scoop on Page 5 and in the Gameday guide.

INSIDE

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EDGE

Afraid your new nose piercing isn't going to look good at your next interview? Turn to Page 6 to read about how piercings can affect your job hunt.

Third estate

COURTESY ART

K-State breaks ground at Olathe campus

By Caroline Sweeney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nine ribbon-tied shovels standing in front of two backhoes might have been dwarfed in size, but not in symbolism Thursday when K-State broke ground on its third campus in the state.

The groundbreaking for the new K-State-Olathe Innovation Campus was held at the Kansas Bioscience Park. The new campus' first building will be the National Institute for Animal Health and Food Safety.

President Kirk Schulz said this campus will create a permanent presence in Olathe, Kan.

"We think it's going to actually help us extend our reach from Manhattan into the Kansas City area a lot more," Schulz said.

This building is the first step in highlighting K-State's presence in the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor. The region from Manhattan to Columbia, Mo., is the location for the largest amount of animal health-related industries in the nation, according to *Bovinevetonline.com.*

"What is important about today is what is going to happen over the next decade in this area, this corridor of research and development on animal health and science," said Jill Docking, chairwoman of the Kansas Board of Regents. "It's not only the research part, but companies that deal with that are going to begin to gather here."

The new institute at the campus is designed to bring research that has already started closer to the corridor hub.

The campus will be 180,000-square feet dedicated to research, education and technology development, said Daniel Richardson, chief executive officer for the Olathe campus.

This new institute will connect with the Manhattan campus in different ways. Richardson said the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Agriculture will benefit from this campus, and Schulz said the College of Architecture, Planning and Design will as well.

"For people who want a graduate degree in the Kansas City area, we want them all coming here, our K-State-Olathe campus," Schulz said. "That's what I would like to see – a full-fledged graduate campus."

Docking said K-State will provide research and jobs with the expansion of the Olathe campus.

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Foundation ends annual campaign

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Foundation ended its annual fundraising campaign Thursday with a celebratory pancake feed at the K-State Alumni Center.

After starting the campaign in September with an ice cream social, the All-University Campaign ended after three months of fundraising.

Julie Lea, Foundation vice president of communications, said the pancake feed was a way to thank all who participated in the fundraiser.

"The campaign encourages faculty and staff at K-State to support the university," Lea said. "It lets the faculty and staff give back to the university."

Darla Thomas, Foundation co-chair and public service administrator in animal sciences and industry, said the pancake feed, which lasted from seven to 10 a.m., had a continuous flow of people walking through and eating. She said there was a tremendous turnout at both the K-State-Salina and Manhattan campuses.

In the campaign, people can choose which department to designate their funds toward. Thomas said the constituents have the freedom to support any department in whichever college they choose.

"The entire purpose of the campaign is not about how much money they raise but on increasing the participation levels of the faculty and staff," Thomas said. "We like to increase the participation level in any way possible. That is why we are available to talk to different groups at any time during the campaign."

Thomas said the Foundation likes to advertise through several different places around Manhattan to make sure people are aware of the self-motivated campaign. She said there was an overall increase in the amount of participation, with more than 34 percent of the faculty and staff at K-State participating in this year's campaign. The Foundation also hit a benchmark of $2 million in raised funds for the year, Thomas said.

"In these tough economic times, it is nice to see that the faculty and staff are still willing to give," Thomas said. "It really speaks well for K-State when the staff are willing to participate more and support the university."

Bradley Kramer, Foundation co-chair, professor of and head of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems, said the campaign exceeded expectations.

"We were very happy with the results," he said. "With the economy sliding backwards, we were happy to see that people recognize the value of the university."

K-State finishes high in Sexual Health Report

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The annual Trojan Sexual Health Report Card ranked K-State in the top 50 of 141 schools.

K-State finished 47th, beating the University of Kansas, which finished 56th. Texas (11), Colorado (21) and Texas A&M (44), were the only Big 12 schools to top K-State.

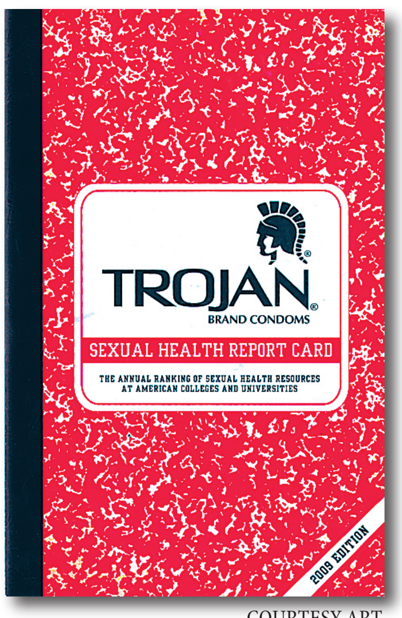
The annual report ranks schools based on access and availability of sexual health information and resources. The University of South Carolina finished at the top of the list. Stanford University, the University of Connecticut, Columbia University and Florida Atlantic University rounded out the top five.

According to the report, the goal is to increase awareness and spark conversation about sexual health on campus.

Bert Sperling, president of Sperling's Best Places, which fielded the study, said it based the university ranks on what the students were saying about their sexual health knowledge.

"We contacted the schools, having students fill out questionnaires," Sperling said. "Students can also get information from K-State's Web site instead of walking into the school's health centers."

There are 13 report card categories, ranging from student opinion of the health center to availability of sexual assault programs. This year, not only were the categories used, but each one was assigned a letter grade and a cumulative grade point average was calculated. K-State received an overall 2.76 GPA, while the University of South Carolina received a cumulative 3.43.



COURTESY ART

K-State improved its placement by 36 spots from last year when it finished 84th.

"They made a significant improvement," Sperling said. "The Web site and services from student perceptions were good. They're doing better than they have in previous years."

Kerry Herndon, senior in family and consumer sciences education and president of Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators, said one thing the group did to improve K-State's grade this year was to have a table in the K-State Student Union offering free condoms. SHAPE also gave presentations to various groups about sexual health, she said.

Herndon said she was proud of K-State's jump from last year.

"We've done poorly in the past, but I think the award is more of a personal opinion," Herndon said. "We don't think a lot of students know about different awareness classes on campus and we are trying to promote information of classes and the organization.

REPORT CARD CATEGORIES

1. Student opinion of health center
2. Health center hours of operation
3. Availability of patient drop-in vs. appointment only
4. Availability of separate sexual awareness programs
5. Contraceptive availability and cost
6. Condom availability and cost
7. HIV testing, cost and locality (on campus vs. off campus)
8. Other sexually-transmitted infection testing, cost and locality (on campus vs. off campus)
9. Availability of anonymous advice via e-mail/newspaper column
10. Existence of lecture/outreach programs
11. Existence of student peer groups
12. Availability of sexual health programs
13. Web site usability and functionality

SGA

Student Senate makes decision on citywide texting ban

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Senator Danny Unruh, junior in food science and industry and political science, presented the Student Senate's position regarding a possible citywide ban on handheld devices while driving during Thursday's Student Governing Association meeting. The resolution, which was first introduced Nov. 5, was altered slightly and passed by a majority vote.

"The Governmental Relations Committee thought upon further reflection taking a stronger stance would make our mission more clear," Unruh said.

The committee added a clause stating if the city were to create a ban on all handheld devices while driving, the Senate would recommend that K-State not follow it.

"That kind of language is just very concerning to me," said Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, agricultural communications and journalism. "I don't think that that is the path that we want to go down."

Instead of a complete ban on handheld devices, the committee favored a limited ban, which prohibits text messaging while driving.

Bruce Snead, professor, K-States residential energy specialist and City Commissioner, was present for the discussion of the resolution. He said the city has not yet identified possible penalties for texting while driving.

Currently, it is classified as inattentive driving. But some people would like to see a separate violation created for texting.

"Because of the vagueness of inattentive driving, it has a tough time holding up in court," said senator John Richards, graduate student in statistics.

Richardson said texting while driving compromises the safety of the driver and other drivers. A recent report by the National Center for Children in Poverty indicated the risk of a collision while texting is 23 to one.

Henry said he felt that the resolution did not accurately reflect the views of the student body or Student Senate.

"I don't think it was a well written or clear resolution," Henry said.

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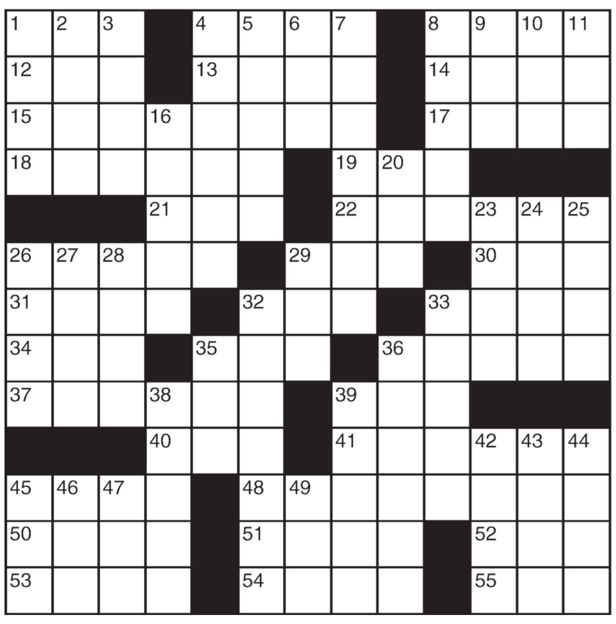

Q: STREET TALK

Check out **Page1** to find out about how K-State scored on a sexual health report card.

What have you learned about sexual health while at K-State?

"Not much, really."

Rebecca Wallish
Sophomore, elementary education

"In [human sexuality] class I've learned everything from how to keep your relationships alive, to how to increase pleasure by the 10-fold."

Kaitlin Snoddy
Sophomore, fine art

"It's not as diverse as other schools, such as KU."

Vince Praderio
Freshman, civil engineering

"K-State girls take care of themselves."

Daniel Lippert
Freshman, bakery science

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department has employment opportunities for the upcoming fall/winter season. Available positions are intramural basketball official, intramural basketball scorekeeper, ice rink attendants, ice skating instructors and volunteer basketball coaches. For questions, call 785-587-2757 or visit the city's Web site at *ci.manhattan.ks.us.*

Rec Services is sponsoring Nutritious November. All nutrition consultations are half-price during the month of November. Stop by the office at Peters Recreation Complex to sign up. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

The K-State Healthy Decisions Advisory Board is taking applications for a wide range of positions, starting in January 2010, related to marketing, event planning or public relations. For more information, visit *K-state.edu/hd* or stop by the Office of Student Activities and Services in the K-State Student Union. Download applications, which are due today, online under "Meet the Board."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Michael Anderson at 10:30 a.m. today in Dickens Hall 302. The thesis topic is "Bayesian Classification of DNA Barcodes."

The University Life Cafe is having an art contest. Artwork can be submitted until Monday. There will be prizes and some pieces will be displayed in the Kemper Art Gallery.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ming-Chieh Lee at 8 a.m. Monday in Waters Hall 137. The thesis topic is "Assessment of Environmental Benefits for Water Quality Trading."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Page Klug at 8:30 a.m. Monday in Ackert Hall 324. The thesis topic is "Interactions Between Grassland Birds and Their Snake Predators: The Potential for Conservation Conflicts in the Tallgrass Prairie."

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If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail *news@spub.ksu.edu.*

DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, *kstatecollegian.com.*

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Make sure to read the **Gameday Guide** for everything you need to know about football.

Do you think K-State will go to a bowl game?

A) Yes **B)** No

To submit your answer, visit *kstatecollegian.com*. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Thursday's results: How do you like your coffee?

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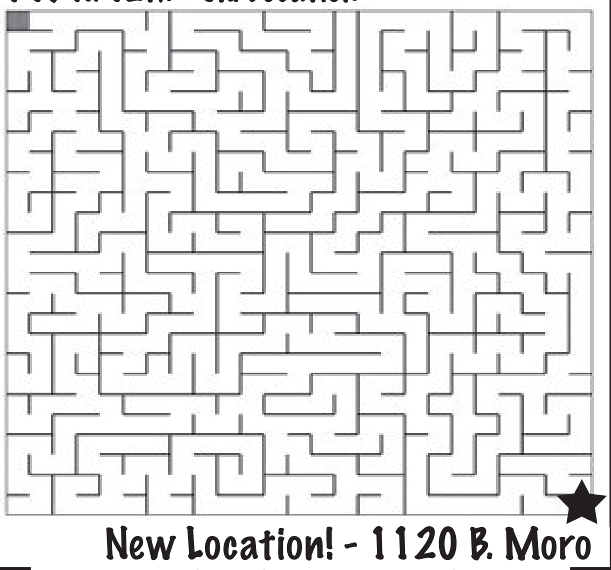

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mendenhall's Catholicism editorial shows little researched

Dear Editors:

We are writing in response to Beth Mendenhall's column, "Catholic Church preaches modesty, practices indulgence." There are three main claims Mendenhall makes that can clearly be disproven with a solid understanding of what the Catholic Church actually teaches on charity and stewardship.

First, Mendenhall's main claim throughout the article is that the Church is one of the richest institutions in the world and it turns its back on the face of immense poverty. However, when you search for Catholic charities on *Google.com,* the following can be seen on the first entry: "Catholic Charities USA is the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States and works to support families, reduce poverty and build communities."

Throughout the history of the Church, many saints have been exalted for their charity work and their solidarity with those living in poverty. Exemplary charity workers included St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Dominic, and yes, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. These great people were the forerunners of the Benedictine monks, the Franciscans, the Dominicans and the Missionaries of Charity.

Next, she mentions repeatedly the Catholic Church has "lavish" vestments, "ornate" tabernacles and many other exorbitant visuals in its churches. The artifacts that she mentions are not "art treasures" as Mendenhall claims, but rather relics of the history of our faith. With a rich tradition, dating back more than 2,000 years, the Church is simply displaying the documentation of its roots. Everything you see in a church has meaning and a purpose. Also, the churches are beautiful and ornate because they give glory to God. We do not know of a church that worships in a shack so as to imitate poverty. They all are beautiful so as to praise God in a holy place.

Finally, Mendenhall says the Catholic church is the major financial powerhouse of the world. The problem here is the Church is such a broad organization that encompasses many different groups and apostolates. By living a stewardship way of life, practicing Catholics tithe 10 percent of their total incomes to the Church. This practice expresses our trust in God and his immortal plan for us.

We are Catholic, and we trust in our church. If anyone ever needs help, we are assured the Catholic Church would never, ever turn anyone away. We demand the truth be told, and that that illustration would certainly not be accurate in Mother Teresa's eyes, either.

Clay Kimbro
Freshman in secondary education

Alice Jones
Sophomore in family studies and human services

Donors approve of church's spending habits

Dear Editors:

Miss Mendenhall knows how to stir people up, but her argument is, unfortunately, oft-repeated and vapid.

We can ask of any expenditure, "What else could I do with this money?" Four years of college tuition would make a huge difference in a poor community abroad – maybe build/staff a clinic, saving lives and improving the health of many.

So why do I get to go to college while the residents of a village in Honduras are deprived of health care? I mean, if I care about them, shouldn't I ... ?

Simple living and throwing money at worthy causes is one approach. Or, earn that degree in nursing, then volunteer in that village. Should you be interested in such an opportunity, Catholic Medical Mission Board (*Cmmb.org*) will arrange it. My sister did this with her college education before returning to the United States to work in a hospital, where she continued to serve the poor who entered her emergency room. It's not just Catholic hospitals that treat the homeless pro bono, of course.

The existence of religious artwork and museums is not hypocrisy. Much is donated. Catholic organizations are non-profits with financial transparency. Donors know what the money is being spent on and continue to donate. I'd be surprised if a parish budgets much for art; more goes toward paying the heating bill, if that counts as "spending money on self." But these parishes, together with other local churches and civic organizations, run outreach programs for those in need.

Not everyone has to love the Catholic church. The author had her own reasons for going elsewhere in her faith journey. But if one must criticize, then critique actual problems. It is simply not true that the Catholic church is doing little to help the poor of the world. Even if just one parish misuses funds or seems to care more about helping themselves than the community – call them on it. When complaining that churches don't auction off their stained glass windows in a one-time bid to do more, though, be prepared for the reaction "You first."

Sincerely,

Marie Prosser
Cradle Catholic

POLICE REPORT

Stranger in blue van offers ride to child walking from school

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A stranger offered a ride to a local child Tuesday, according to report from the Riley County Police Department.

A child was walking home from school near the intersection of Claflin Road and Hudson Avenue at 3:45 p.m., according to the report. An unknown male suspect pulled up to the child in an old dirty blue van with a black stripe down the center, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of RCPD. The driver's window was also tinted.

The suspect offered the child a ride, and the child refused, according to the report. The suspect made no attempt to follow the child. Crosby said no description of the suspect was available.

THREE CASES OF INDECENT LIBERTIES REPORTED

Three separate cases of indecent liberties with a child were filed with the RCPD.

The first involved a victim under the age of 15, who was assaulted by a known individual, Crosby said. The incident occurred between Oct. 1 and Nov. 10 in the Ogden, Kan., area, according to the report.

The second case involved a victim also under the age of 15, Crosby said. Between March 1, 2007, and March 1, 2009, a known individual in another county touched the victim, according to the report. The victim is a resident of Riley County and was visiting the suspect.

The third case involved a victim under the age of 16, according to the report. Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 15, a known suspect inappropriately touched the victim, Crosby said. The incident occurred in the south central part of Manhattan.

DAMAGE TO CAR REPORTED

A report of criminal damage to property totaling $1,000 was made, according to another RCPD report.

Kirsten Eyestone, 18, of Manhattan, reported an individual scratched the paint and damaged her vehicle, Crosby said. The act occurred at Manhattan High School, 2100 Poyntz Ave., between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, according to the report.

CRIMINAL USE OF A FINANCIAL CARD

A local man reported that an unknown individual had used his debit card to charge $1,135, according to another RCPD report.

Michael Simmons, 25, of 1532 University Drive, reported that the incident occurred between Sept. 22 and Nov. 7, Crosby said. According to the report, the incidents occurred in Florida and Texas.

SGA | Sustainability Task Force present at Thursday's meeting

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The resolution was only the opinion of the Senate, however, and has no legal weight. It was created at the request of Mayor Bob Strawn who requested input from university students and the SGA.

Members from the Sustainability Task Force also presented at the meeting. The Task Force was created by former university president Jon Wefald to determine the direction that K-State should take.

The report focused on student life, campus events, utilities, such as recycling and five other areas of campus operations. Snead and Barbara Anderson, associate professor of apparel and interior design, were part of the task force.

Henry said he felt Snead did a good job explaining that in the current budget climate, many projects are not feasible at present. However, the administration needs to indicate which projects can move forward right now under the budget constraints.

OLATHE | Mayor: getting campus was a 'pipe dream'

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K-State partnered with many other Kansas entities to bring the Olathe campus project to life. The first step came with the "Time to Get It Right" report presented by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

The foundation started a blue ribbon task force comprised of nationally recognized leaders in higher education, according to a news release. The group studied the higher education around the metropolitan area and found the Kansas City area was lacking a "world-class" research university, according to the release.

"If you look five years ago, it may be a surprise that this would happen here," Schulz said.

Olathe worked with K-State to make the new campus possible.

"It seemed like a far-fetched and maybe unrealistic pipe dream," said Michael Copeland, mayor of Olathe. "But just about any dream can be achieved when you have the right people in the room."

K-State also worked with the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

Along with its partnership with K-State, the KBA will have a bioscience-focused accelerator and incubator facilities.

These projects will help to draw life science startups around the K-State-Olathe campus, according to the KBA's Web site, *Kansasbioauthority.org.*

"The project will forever change the landscape not only of Olathe and Johnson County, but the entire state of Kansas," Copeland said.

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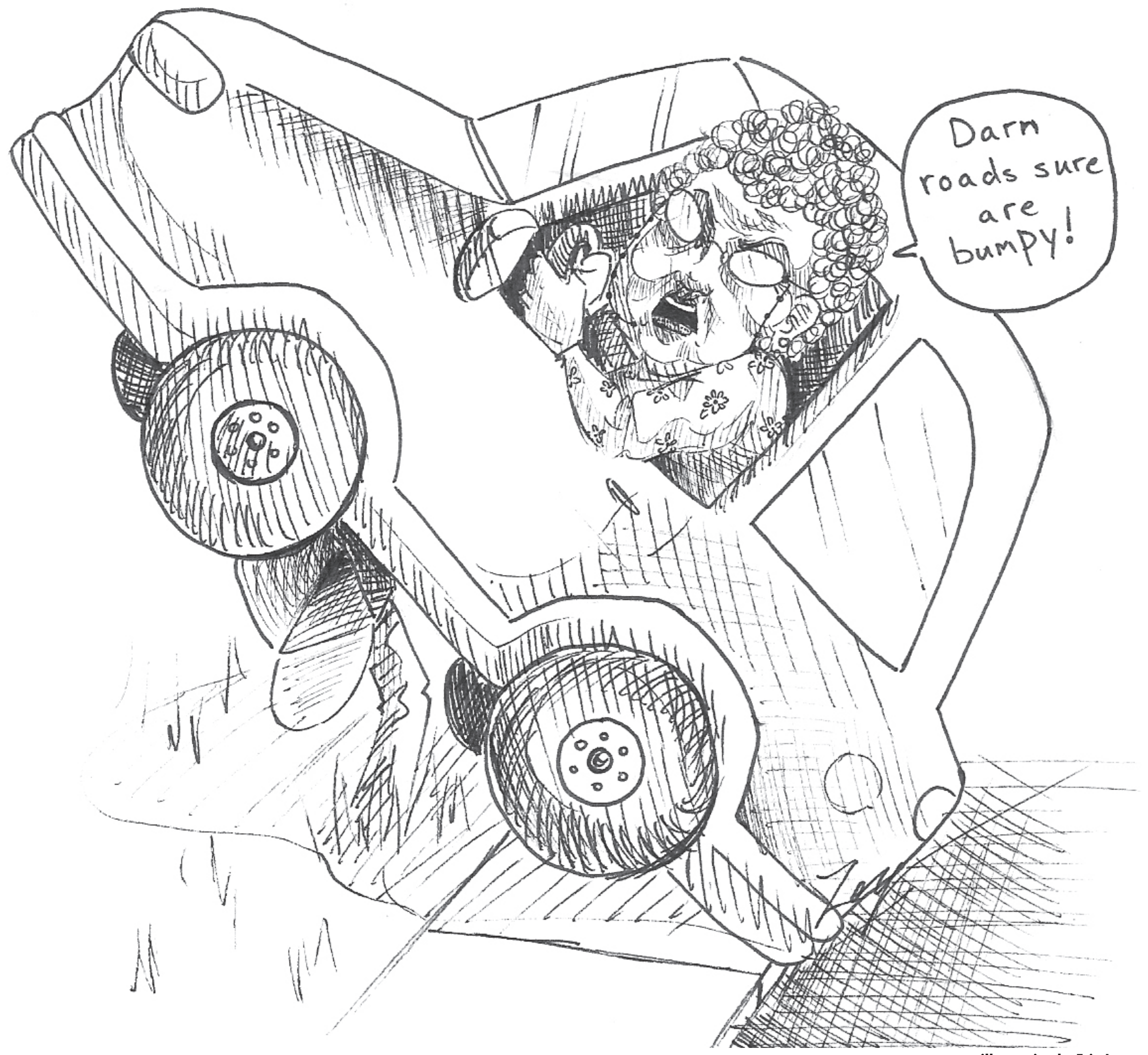

illustration by Erin Logan

Families should help elderly drivers

KAREN INGRAM

Last week, an elderly man drove his car into the Cox Communications building here in town because he'd forgotten which pedal was the gas and which was the brake. Fortunately, no one was injured.

If you read the paper even semi-frequently, you've probably read similar stories regarding elderly drivers, and the end result is not always so fortunate. The American Institute on Aging reports people over 65 years old are the second most likely to die in car accidents, after 15 to 24-year-olds. It also reported that, despite the fact seniors are more likely to drive slower and use a seat belt, they are also more likely to sustain serious injury because of their frailty.

Many states are considering mandatory driving tests for people who are elderly. Many people feel this impedes on their freedom and argue there are many elderly people who can drive fine. If that's so, what's the harm in taking a test to prove it?

We've all seen someone driving too slow, possibly swerving or braking unexpectedly, and expected to see a drunk or someone on a cell phone behind the wheel. But if you saw an elderly person behind the wheel instead, would you be surprised? I wouldn't be.

As people grow older, their reaction time slows, their eyesight gets worse, their judgment of speed and distance decreases, and even dementia can set in. Here's where we encounter problems with mandatory driving tests: According to a July 22 article by *HealthNewsDigest.com*, driving tests don't check for diseases that affect the mind, such as Alzheimer's. This means, conceivably, someone can pass a driver's test with mild dementia. Does this mean they are a safe driver? Are they okay as long as they drive slow? I don't think so, and here's why.

While working at a grocery store a few years ago, one of the regular customers and her son came into the store. The man, who was suffering from dementia so badly he could no longer speak, was not wearing anything except shoes, a shirt and an adult diaper. The woman, who we knew as being a bit "muddled," got a shopping cart and began shopping like nothing was out of the ordinary. Soon after, customers began complaining about the man with no pants wandering around the store.

Finally, one of the employees approached the woman and quietly asked her if she'd noticed he wasn't wearing any pants. She said she hadn't, and swore up and down he was wearing pants when they came into the store. The security cameras begged to differ, and the woman is literally half the size of her son, so her eyes are about at his waistline. How could she not notice? I watched in amazement as this woman and her son got into their car and went home to find some pants. I remember thinking to myself, "This woman should not be driving."

Every time I hear of another senior citizen crashing into a building or ramming a crowd of people with their car, I cringe. Why doesn't the family step in and take the keys away from Grandma? I understand they might resent you for stealing their "freedom," but surely the cost of paying for a caregiver to drive them to the store once a week is far cheaper than paying for court costs if Grandma gets arrested for vehicular manslaughter.

Maybe I'm too young to understand what it's like to grow old, but when I think about the twilight of my life, I don't want to spend those years feeling guilty for causing harm or death to someone else because I forgot which pedal stops the car.

Losing the ability to drive does not mean someone is trapped in their home. There are many options available beside driving. Please, if you have a parent or grandparent who is having trouble driving, do the world a favor: get them to use public transportation, get a caretaker, drive them yourself or find them an apartment within walking distance of the store, if they can still walk.

Just don't let them drive.

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Free speech issues often misunderstood

FRANK MALE

In the classic movie "The Princess Bride," the character Vizzini is quite fond of using the word "inconceivable."

The thought of a ship following is "inconceivable," that the ship is gaining on them is "inconceivable" and that the follower could climb the Cliffs of Insanity is especially "inconceivable." Finally, after hearing this word enough, Inigo Montoya says, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

Politics today can be like the movies of yesterday. People bandy around words, using them as battle axes to cut their foes to size. In the end, though, they find themselves sounding like Vizzini, or worse.

"Free Speech" is an expression often used, often misunderstood. You've seen it brought up twice in the Collegian this week already, once in defense of Internet postings and once regarding political discussion. These discussions can get out of hand, however, if you don't consider the definition of free speech.

First, what is speech? Second, what about it is free?

Speech, as the Founders considered it, is political speech. This is why burning a U.S. flag is allowed but writing an opinion piece saying, "Jon Wefald regularly drank puppy smoothies during his presidency," will get you sued. One is protected political expression, while the other is simply libel.

Next, what are we free from? Did the Founders guarantee us freedom from want, freedom from need, freedom from inconvenience? No. Of course not. Then how can we imagine speech free of consequence?

The Dixie Chicks said they were ashamed to be from the same state as then-president George W. Bush and now they aren't played on many country stations. That wasn't a free speech issue. It was one of those consequences that came from a person's actions. They were allowed to say whatever they wanted and had to deal with the backlash. More recently, Kanye West received a great deal of criticism for his stunt at the MTV Video Music Awards earlier this year.

Music artists aren't the only ones to get in trouble for speaking "freely." Trent Lott of Mississippi was the Senate majority leader until he implicitly endorsed the racist 1948 platform of Strom Thurmond. Sen. George Allen, R-Va., went from being mentioned as a possible presidential candidate to losing his Senate seat after slurring a man at one of his rallies with the word "macaca."

Now if you look at each of these incidents, you will find free speech isn't the issue. The public outcry wasn't about whether the speaker had the right to say what he or she did, but what was said.

There are two lessons we can take from this, each important in its own right. Words aren't all they seem to be at first and there are consequences to everything you say or do.

People enjoy demagoging issues, reducing them to stark portraits of a group of people struggling against a dark, inhuman foe. But issues are never as clean as the tales in movies like "The Princess Bride." Both sides are human and fallible but striving for a better world.

You might hear that conservatives are against free speech because they are against such things as alcohol advertisements and pornography, but they are trying to clean up the world and make it safe for future generations. Similarly, you might have heard claims that liberals violate free speech when campaigning against huge donations for political campaigns, when they are trying to level the playing field to give others a shot at political office.

Another joy, it seems, is being the victim. "I was just giving my view, and I was crucified for it," people say, or "My right to free speech was taken away." No, the fact that those people were allowed to say those things shows their free speech was intact. However, the consequences of which, no one can escape.

Remember this: You might have free speech, but what comes out of your mouth can still be your bane.

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TO THE POINT

Best of Fourum

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The Fourum calls were so terribly bad this week that there is no 'Best of Fourum.' It has been replaced with random thoughts coming from the Fourum itself.

Hi, I'm the Fourum. It's dark in here and terribly boring. They haven't let me out of this room in years, and I have nothing to keep myself company but a phone. When I am good and come up with funny comments, sometimes they reward me with cookies. I like cookies. Please make nice, funny calls to my phone so I can get cookies. Did I mention it's dark in here?

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Hey Beth, I'm Catholic and I'm dedicating my summer to service in Africa. You can shut up now.

Parking Services, I don't know if you knew this, but it is illegal to sell more parking passes than there are spaces.

So does the campus police officer illegally patrol campus on his bike?

People hate Beth Mendenhall because she's not afraid to poke their little bubbles of comfortability and let in some common sense. You go, girl.

Take me back to Germany where I can ride my bike without oppression.

What's up with the Israel-bashing presentation? I don't appreciate it.

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Two-for-one

Men to play first two regular season games this weekend

Johnathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Junior **Jacob Pullen** dips past one of Pittsburg State's players during the basketball game Sunday at Bramlage Coliseum.

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The last time K-State men's basketball faced the Loyola University Chicago Ramblers was nearly 10 years ago, on Dec. 19, 1999. The teams meet again at 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

In its first action, K-State won its exhibition game against Pittsburg State 89-53. While five Wildcats scored in the double figures, junior guard Jacob Pullen led the team with 17 points and converted on 5-of-7 from three-point range. He also shared the ball, as shown by his seven assists. Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels scored 16 points, and senior guard Denis Clemente scored 14 points, accompanied by three steals and three assists.

K-State returns 80 percent of its scoring from last season, but the newcomers got playing time in this game. The six freshmen and junior forward Curtis Kelly, who transferred from the University of Connecticut, provided 36 points for the team. Starting tonight, however, the time will not be as freely distributed.

"You're going to see guys on the floor that belong on the floor," said head coach Frank Martin of the regular season opener. "It's not a time to tinker with rotations or find out what guys can and can't do anymore. These games count, so guys that deserve to play are going to play."

The projected starting lineup includes Pullen, Clemente, Kelly, junior forward Dominique Sutton and freshman forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts.

While Loyola leads the all-time series between the teams 4-2 and won 69-64 in Chicago a decade ago, it has never pulled out a victory in Manhattan.

The players and coaches have, as is the usual procedure, watched film on the opponent so they have an idea of what to expect.

"They try to invert the game," Martin said. "They post their guards and have their bigs shoot from the perimeter. But it's a brand new slate, brand new personnel, so we've got to be prepared to adjust on the fly."

Loyola defeated Robert Morris 92-62 in anexhibition game this season. Freshman forward Ben Averkamp turned in 23 points and nine rebounds in the game. Forwards Walt Gibler, sophomore, and Terrance Hill, junior, contributed 15 and 14 points, respectively. Last year the Ramblers went 14-18 and 6-12 in the Horizon League. They return two starters but will have to replace four of their top five scorers.

WILDCATS TO TAKE ON LEATHERNECKS SUNDAY

The second game of the weekend for the Wildcats will take place against Western Illinois at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Leathernecks hail from the Summit League, where they went 6-12 last season on their way to a 9-20 record.

While Martin had not watched film yet on Western Illinois because the emphasis at the time was on Loyola, he understands what the team tends to do.

"Jim Molinari does a great job," Martin said, referring to the Western Illinois coach. "From what I understand they run a lot of ball screens, so it's going to put us in situations where we've got to guard action. That presented problems for us in the Pitt State game, so I hope we can clean that up a little bit between now and then."

Sophomore guard Ceola Clark scored 21 points on 7-for-13 shooting, including 4-for-7 on three-pointers, and brought down seven rebounds in an exhibition game. Freshman center David Gebru and senior guard David Nurse contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The team has a sizeable frontcourt with Gebru, 6-feet-10-inches; junior forward Jeremy Felton, 6-feet-7-inches; and junior forward James Granstra, 6-feet-10-inches. However, Martin emphasized in the media day session prior to the season that wingspan, not height, is the most promising statistic for a basketball player.

The six K-State freshmen have been touted as highly talented. However, Martin said he would imagine there is a bit of a shock going into a Division I basketball game for the first time. The exhibition game was a taste of that, and Martin said the freshmen will need to improve.

"They were okay," Martin said. "They have major breakdowns that they have in practice, and they had them in the game too, which put us at a disadvantage. They've got to learn. They've got to get better."

Martin said it will be a quick turnaround from Loyola to Western Illinois with only a day in between, but he said that will help prepare the Wildcats for the following weekend.

"It's going to be a quick turn," Martin said. "It's important we expose our guys to a quick turn early in the season because the following week, when we're in Puerto Rico, we've got a quick turn. It's a way of preparing our team for that."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cats to open against Indiana State

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The women's basketball team will begin its regular season at home Saturday against Indiana State.

The team is coming off two home exhibition game wins. K-State opened with an 81-68 victory over Fort Hays State on Nov. 3 and followed up with an 89-61 win against Pittsburg State six days later.

"We're excited," said junior guard Shalin Spani. "It's something we've all worked for."

Spani had to sit out the final games of her sophomore season due to a knee injury. She said she had to work hard and put forth extra effort to get back to where she was before her injury.

Spani said the team was surprised the season has already arrived.

"Defensively, we're a fairly young team," said head coach Deb Patterson. A majority of the team consists of freshmen and sophomores.

Freshman guard Mariah White said she felt the team performed better in the second exhibition game than the first. She also said she is looking forward to playing Indiana State this weekend.

"It's a lot of fun to play a D-1 team," White said. "We'll see how we match up."

Patterson said the young Wildcats will not be able to afford mental mistakes as the season gets underway.

"We're going to have to be a team that takes care of the basketball," she said.

Patterson also said she expects Indiana State to be a highly competitive team and predicts that the team will be ranked within the top-five in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

VOLLEYBALL

K-State set to take on Cyclones Saturday

Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With the 2009 season dwindling down, K-State volleyball will take on No. 8 Iowa State University tomorrow night their second meeting of the season.

For 10 years, starting in the mid-1990s, K-State (10-15, 4-11 Big 12 Conference) had a perfect record against Iowa State (21-4, 13-3), but the Cyclones have been showed new life in recent years. Overall, the teams are tied, with each claiming 37 wins in the series.

They faced each other late September in Ames, Iowa, where Iowa State swept the Wildcats. Junior outside hitter Vanessa Murray recorded strong numbers that afternoon after leading her team in kills with 12 for a .478 hitting percentage. Not far behind her was redshirt freshman outside hitter Kathleen Ludwig.

Both teams are coming off sweeps. The Cyclones took Texas A&M in three sets on the road Wednesday, while KU did the same to the Wildcats in Lawrence.

Head coach Suzie Fritz said Iowa State will still fare well against her team.

Fritz said the Cyclones are "very balanced" and have "no glaring weaknesses on either side of the ball or at any position."

"They're very solid," she said. "They dig balls like crazy, and they play hard. They're very good."

Both squads will showcase accomplished players in the match. For Iowa State, junior libero Ashley Mass leads the Big 12 in digs. Iowa State also ranks first in the conference for digs per game. Another top ranking in the Big 12 comes from senior setter Kaylee Manns, this time in assists per game.

K-State senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, who played with Manns for four years at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka, said Manns is a strong player, but K-State will not be discouraged.

"She's great," Chipman said. "She's very talented. They've done a lot up there, and I'm very happy for her. But we're going to go out and try to get a win."

Freshman defensive specialist Caitlyn Donahue, who started as an outside hitter for the first time since the beginning of the season, had one of her strongest offensive performances of the season Wednesday night.

She will hit next to Chipman, the

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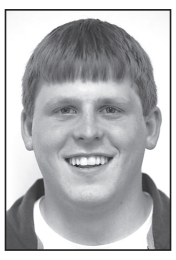
Members of the Collegian staff, University President, Kirk Schulz, and our readers will pick the winners of six college football games each Friday this fall.

Kirk Schulz 38-22



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

WINFREY SPEAKS TO WOMAN MAULED BY CHIMPANZEE

Oprah Winfrey recently interviewed Charla Nash, Stamford, Conn., a woman who was mauled by a chimpanzee in February and, for the first time, revealed Nash's face to the public, according to *People.com*.

WINFREY

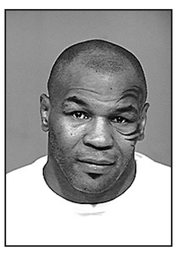
Nash's employer and long-time friend Sandra Herold owned the chimpanzee, named Travis, which ripped off both of Nash's hands as well as her nose, lips, eyelids and some of the bone structure of her face. According to *NYDailyNews.com*, Travis had Lyme disease and had Xanax in its system when it attacked Nash. Herold stabbed her pet of 14 years after it attacked her friend, but it did not stop mauling Nash until police arrived and shot it, according the Web site.

Nash allowed Winfrey to lift the veil she wears over her face and reveal what it looks like to the world for the first time. Until the interview, Nash had guards posted outside her hospital room to prevent publications like "The National Enquirer" from sneaking a photo and printing it as a horror story, according to *Oprah.com*.

Nash's family is suing Herold for $50 million and the state of Connecticut for $150 million for not forcing Herold to get rid of the chimpanzee years ago.

TYSON, PHOTOGRAPHER ARREST EACH OTHER AFTER AIRPORT SCUFFLE

Police said Mike Tyson and a photographer both made citizen's arrests of each other on Wednesday after getting into a fight in Los Angeles International Airport, according to *People.com*.



TYSON

According to the Web site, the photographer, who was described as a "celebrity photographer" began taking pictures of Tyson while he was switching planes at LAX on his way from Europe to Las Vegas.

Sgt. Jim Holcomb said Tyson knocked the photographer to the ground with a one-handed hit, which also caused a "laceration" on the photographer's forehead and that the photographer was later taken to the hospital, according to *People.com*.

Tyson, who was traveling with his wife and 10-month-old baby, was arrested and held on $20,000 bond but was released later that night, according to the Web site.

Tyson's attorney Richard Schonfeld said Tyson "did absolutely nothing wrong" and they "look forward to vindicating him and pursuing his rights," according to the Web site.

Schonfeld did not address whether the incident qualified as a violation of the terms of Tyson's probation from a November 2007 arrest for drug possession and driving under the influence, which resulted in Tyson spending 24 hours in jail and three years of probation.

- Complied by Elena Buckner

Facial expression

Photos by Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Top: Kurt Miranda, senior in social sciences, has a number of piercings on his body. **Miranda** has encountered a few difficulties finding employment because of the social stigma attached to facial piercings**. Below**: Two of **Miranda's** favorite piercings are on his lips and his ears. **Miranda** said he likes his ear piercings because it took so long to gauge them.

Piercings allow students to be themselves

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Piercings – one word that brings up a variety of attitudes and perspectives, from distaste for anything of the sort to the desire for self-expression.

Kurt Miranda, senior in social sciences, has a cheek piercing, snakebites (a pair of lip piercings), a microdermal teardrop, a straight-bar teardrop on the other side of his face and a two-gauge Prince Albert genital piercing. Microdermal piercings have anchors embedded under the skin with a flat stud or gem showing above the skin while teardrop piercings are located above the cheekbone under the outer corner of the eye.

Miranda said many people he has come across do not understand his continual desire for piercings, but each piercing he has connects to a different turning point in his life.

"If you are totally down with who you are and if you're free-spirited in your emotions, then you don't care what other people think about you," he said. "People like me, coming up from the South, we are just too lazy to care. If you don't care what other people think about you, you can move farther in life than you can by trying to fit the norm."

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> SENOR IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

Miranda said he has moved "farther in life" socially since getting pierced – from people introducing themselves to him because they recognize him from passing each other on campus, to having an instant conversation piece in almost any situation.

Despite the social advantages of having art on his face, Miranda's piercings have presented him with numerous hurdles when seeking employment. This is the piercing paradox: while gaining freedom in the realm of self-expression, people with piercings face new restrictions when trying to get jobs.

Kerri Day Keller, director of Career and Employment Services, said some businesses are adverse to body piercings, tattoos and unusual hair colors because they do not match with the expectations of the industry or the clients they serve.

For example, banks tend to not allow facial piercings on employees because these institutions aim for a conservative image and serve clients across a span of generations, Keller said.

Aside from banks, Miranda said he has trouble getting hired almost anywhere.

"Pretty much everywhere I go, they're telling me that I have to take them out or put in plastic piercings, to cover up the fact that I have any piercings at all," he said. "I don't want to do it, but I know that if I don't work, I don't live, so I meet them halfway.

"But if they're going to tell me to straight-up take them out, then I won't work there because that's not a job that I need to be in. If they can't take me for who I am, then they obviously don't want to accept me there."

In contrast to Miranda's application experiences, Thread, an Aggieville business, regularly hires college students and young people who have facial piercings.

"We pretty much accept anything," said Tanner Pieschl, manager of the store. "I really just go by, 'Is it an over-the-top thing?' or, 'What kind of vibe do you get from the person?' It's really more about personality than exactly what type of piercings they have."

While first impressions are important in the corporate world, Keller said what matters in the end is personal authenticity.

"All of us want to be authentic, to present who we are, and certainly that is something where, as you get hired on and learn more about the company culture, you can be able to show more of your true self and of that uniqueness you want to demonstrate," she said. "Still, it is something that has a certain controversy associated with it."

Miranda said the most important thing he hopes K-State students will understand is that piercings are a lifestyle.

"It's not something that's going to go away – people are always going to have piercings, and we need to rise above the idea of thinking just because somebody has piercings or tattoos, that they're dirty or they're not intelligent," he said. "We just need to get rid of that whole concept, because it's detrimental to society."

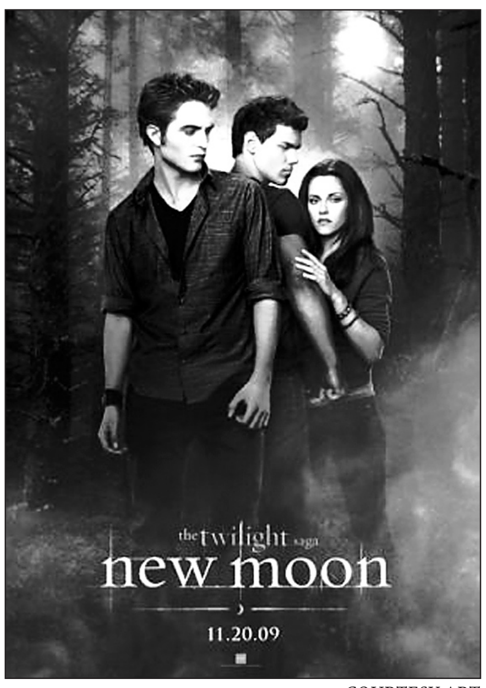
Movie previews: vampires, old dogs, and complicated affairs

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

"THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON"

This is part two of the series based on the books by Stephanie Meyer. In the film, Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner all resume their roles from the first installment of the series.

In "New Moon," Stewart deals with the sorrow of living without Pattinson only to discover his image comes to her every time she is in danger. This film guarantees all the excitement and drama of the first film and is sure to create even more frenzy over the "Twilight" series



COURTESY ART

FRIDAY, NOV. 25

"OLD DOGS"

This flick features two bachelors who suddenly become responsible for kids during crunch time at the office. Little more needs to be said about "Old Dogs," other than Robin Williams and John Travolta play the two main characters.

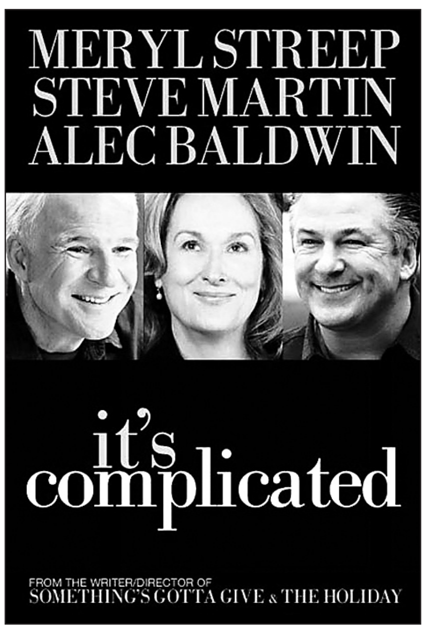
This film promises plenty of potty humor, slapstick comedy and other such mildly inappropriate entertainment.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

"IT'S COMPLICATED"

Starring Steve Martin, Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin, this movie is about the complexity of romance for divorcee Streep.

Out of the blue, she begins an affair with her ex-husband, who has remarried. Streep becomes the "other woman" in the relationship, vying for her ex-husband's attention with actress Lake Bell. She and Martin get to know each other, and he begins to fall in love with her but realizes it might, in fact, be a fruitless pursuit.



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Not driving home from Aggieville at night can be costly

Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For people headed to Aggieville, the question of whether to drive their cars or find other modes of transportation becomes a problem.

However, a dilemma exists for many who would opt to drive. Those who choose to leave their cars in Aggieville overnight, to avoid driving home under the influence, could receive a ticket.

Some students said they think these parking rules are flawed.

Dane Kietzman, junior in park management and conservation, said he believes parking in Aggieville should be changed because it encourages drunk driving.

Lindsay Tubbs, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, who has received a ticket for parking in Aggieville, said she thinks the current parking laws are "ridiculous."

"The situation totally sucks," Tubbs said. "There shouldn't be any parking hour signs. How are we supposed to move our car and not drink and drive?"

Police are trying to enforce the rules about parking and safety. And students who leave their cars overnight in Aggieville have been getting parking tickets as a result.

However, Capt. Kurt Moldrup of Riley County Police Department said there is a reason tickets come as a consequence of overnight parking: City commissioners have enacted an ordinance prohibiting cars from parking in city lots overnight.

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Moldrup said cars can be ticketed throughout the night.

"If we receive a complaint of a car parked for a long period of time, we act upon it," he said.

Moldrup encouraged students to make arrangements before going out.

"People should have designated drivers drop them off if they plan on drinking too much," he said. "Walking home is also an unsafe thing to do if you're intoxicated."

Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of RCPD said there are other smarter alternatives to driving down to Aggieville.

"A $15 parking ticket overnight is a lot cheaper than a DUI or killing a pedestrian," Crosby said.

A car pulls out of a parking spot on 12th Street in Aggieville Tuesday night. Overnight parking in Aggieville is not allowed, as the city uses the time from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. for maintenance on the streets, according to Manhattan's code of ordinances.

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conference leader in hitting percentage. Both will be assisted by senior setter Soriana Pacheco and backed by junior libero Lauren Mathewson, who has played record-breaking matches these past few weeks.

K-State suffered a disappointing loss against KU on Wednesday night in Lawrence, but Donahue said her team would not let up for the tough schedule ahead.

"I think our team is the kind of team that will bounce back," said Donahue. "We showed it last week when we played A&M, and I think that we can do it against these big teams coming up."

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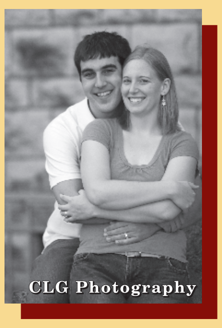

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Changing fields

Former Nebraska fan tries to find groove at K-State

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On the opening kickoff of K-State's game against Kansas last Saturday, Darrell Stuckey let loose with a 67-yard kick return that would have gone for a touchdown if junior kicker Josh Cherry had not sprinted the length of the field and downed him at the 32-yard line.

"That put me on cloud nine," Cherry said. "I'd rather not be making that play because it was how many yards down the field, but I told all my friends it took me back to the glory days of playing safety in high school. It was a rush."

Before Cherry's freshman year in high school, his dad approached him about attending some kicking camps at colleges because the high school team was going to need a kicker.

"I didn't want to because nobody really dreams of being the kicker," Cherry said.

Head coach Bill Snyder described the position of kicker as one where 50,000 people want to hang you from something if the ball does not go between the uprights.

"When it doesn't go through the uprights, nobody's looking at the right guard," Snyder said. "[The kicker] bears the weight of all that no matter what happens. Whether the snap was bad, or the hold was bad, or somebody missed a block, the guy everybody's looking at, the guy with the bull's-eye on his chest, that's the kicker."

Nevertheless, Cherry went to kicking camp. He attended only two camps during high school – one at K-State, which he attended for three years, and one at the University of Nebraska. Cherry said upon arriving in Manhattan for the K-State camp the first time, his dad posed the question of what it would be like if Cherry could play there someday.

"I was like, 'Nah, I don't ever want to do that,' because I was the biggest Nebraska fan," Cherry said.

Having grown up in McCook, Neb., Cherry loved the Huskers. Throughout his childhood he went to games, got familiar with who the players were, and his whole family cheered on Big Red.

"I bled red basically ever since I was born," Cherry said.

When he attended the football camp in Lincoln, Neb., however, he did not enjoy it. He said it was more like a business and a recruiting process and the coaches mainly kept their distance.

"I went to Nebraska one year and hated it, and so I didn't go back there," Cherry said.

On the other hand, Cherry said he fell in love with K-State because of its kicking camp. He said the coaches were great and gave him one-on-one attention, he loved the campus and everything about the program. It was also the first time he met Sean Snyder, associate athletic director and associate head coach.

In his junior year of high school he got the scholarship offer. His dad and coach instructed him to not hurry in, to sit down and think about it because other schools could still offer.

"It was driving me absolutely crazy that they were making me wait," Cherry said. "I just wanted to say yes right off the bat. About three days after my offer, I went to my coach, and I go, 'Coach, I can't stand this any longer. This is where I want to go. I'm not going to change my mind.'"

His coach said he could tell it had been bothering him, so he said they should call K-State and let the program know.

"The rest is history," Cherry said. "I've been wearing purple ever since."

As much as he likes the program, the switch to being solely a kicker was really hard, he said.

"I like to think I have a lot of athletic ability," Cherry said. "I was sitting on the sidelines, and if I did get in a game, it'd be for five plays. In high school I never really came off the field." As a senior, Cherry started at both quarterback and safety.

Cherry is one of many players who have transitioned from one position to a completely different one. As the kicker, however, he got a very special moment which he said he will always remember.

"I think that probably the most memorable moment I'll ever have down here was being able to do the opening kickoff for [Snyder's] first game back," Cherry said. "I think I'll remember that for the rest of my life. I think I could make a game-winning kick, but that won't top it. It just makes my career to tell you the truth."

Cherry struggled through the first four games of the season, missing several important field goals. After the loss to Louisiana-Lafayette, Snyder called Cherry to his seat on the plane to tell him he still believed in him.

"A lot of coaches could have said 'Hey, this kid's going in the tank, bring somebody else in, give them a shot,'" Cherry said.

That was not the case with Snyder, and his confidence in Cherry increased Cherry's confidence in himself. Since the Iowa State game he had not missed until last week against Kansas, when he went 1-2 on field goals.

Cherry's first kick of the game was golden. He said he was warm coming off the bench because he had been kicking into the net.

"It was just weird because when I went out there to kick that ball, there was really nothing going through my head except, 'It's going in,'" Cherry said. "I think it was the most relaxed kick I've ever had in my life to tell you the truth."

Cherry said he was not doubting himself because of bad habits that had developed in practice. He said he was not tense and just let the kick happen.

With the second kick, he worried because he was lined up on the left hash mark, which he considered his weak spot, and the psychology got the better of him. Sure enough, he said, he left it hanging out right. Because of that, he said kicks

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Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Kicker **Josh Cherry** kicks off during the Texas A&M game. **Cherry** has struggled this year with field-goal accuracy, going 7-13 during the season. Despite his struggles, the junior has the faith of his coach, who has repeatedly said he is pleased with his kicker.

An inside look at Josh Cherry

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POSITION: *PLACEKICKER*
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Thomas reaches 1,000 yards, nominated for Walker Award

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Thomas

Junior running back Daniel Thomas achieved an interesting distinction last Saturday in the game against the Kansas Jayhawks. He became a 1,000-yard rusher, currently ranked eighth in K-State history.

Yesterday the SMU Athletic Forum added him to the list of candidates for the 2009 Doak Walker Award, given to the top running back in the nation.

"Sometimes he plays like he is a linebacker," said head coach Bill Snyder of the Hilliard, Fla., native. "He is not an easy guy to get down, and that is for one reason and one reason alone. It does not have anything to do with speed or size or anything else. It is just tenacity and a desire to get that extra inch or foot."

In high school, Thomas rushed for 1,100 yards and 11 touchdowns and threw for 936 yards and 11 touchdowns at quarterback as a senior. He also contributed 57 tackles and one interception as a safety. Those numbers led to his inclusion on the All First Coast Team.

Before coming to K-State, Thomas attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and rushed for more than 500 yards and seven touchdowns as a freshman to help carry his team to a division championship. In his sophomore season, he attained 618 yards and six touchdowns on 103 carries and passed for 450 yards and two scores. For his efforts he was named a JUCO All-American.

After the KU game, Snyder had nothing but good things to say about Thomas' performance.

"What I really appreciated about Daniel were the second and third efforts," Snyder said. "He carried a lot of tacklers today. Here is a guy that did not know where Kansas was a few months ago, and still does not know anything about Kansas, but he gives it everything he has got, and he played hard."

Consider this: The K-State team as a whole has amassed 3,548 yards of offense this season. That number includes four 90-plus-yards returns by wide receiver Brandon Banks. Of those 3,548 yards, Thomas has contributed 1,137 between his 1,087 on the ground and 50 through the air. In the KU game, the rushing offense totaled 266 yards, with 185 of those earned by Thomas. Still, he remained humble as he spoke at the press conference after the game.

"You can't give credit to one player," Thomas said. "It takes a whole team. I'm a play maker, so I want the ball in my hands every play."

Quarterback Grant Gregory also had high praise for Thomas and also for the offensive line. He said it was impressive the team had a running back that carried the ball 24 times and did not lose a single yard, and he credited the offensive line for that.

"Daniel is a beast," Gregory said. "It's his first year playing running back, and I think he is the best running back in the conference, and he has two more games to prove it. He is a great player."

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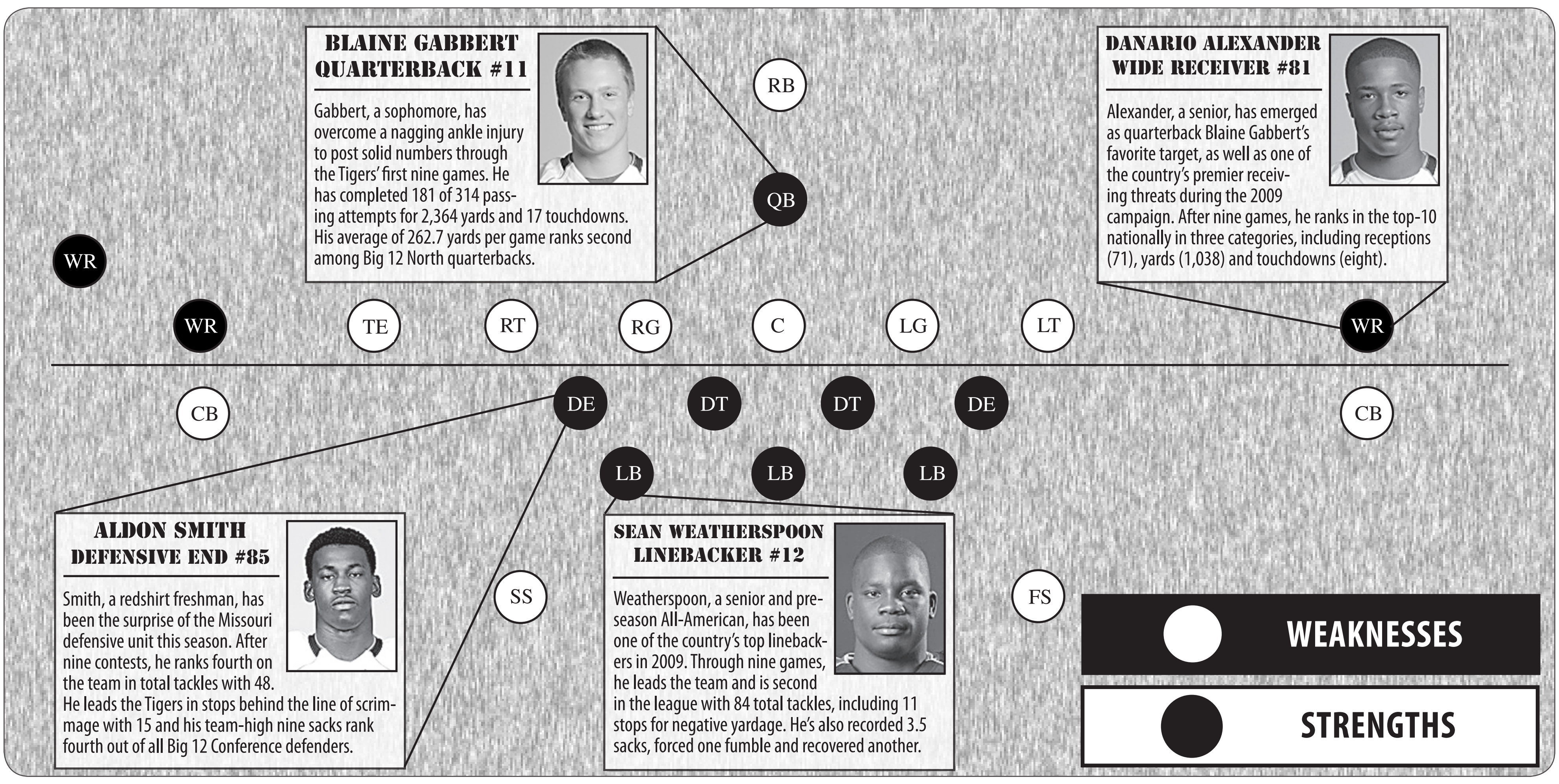

STRENGTHS

QUARTERBACK: Despite nursing an ankle injury for a good portion of the season, sophomore signal-caller Blaine Gabbert has posted solid numbers for the Tigers in 2009. Through the team's first nine contests, Gabbert has completed 181 passes for 2,364 yards and 17 scores while being picked off seven times. K-State's secondary will likely need a mistake-free day to keep Missouri's passing game in check.

WIDE RECEIVER: It's no secret that senior Danario Alexander has been Gabbert's favorite target this season, but Alexander isn't the only receiving threat on the Tigers' roster this season. Missouri has three receivers who have caught at least 20 passes this season, including senior Jared Perry, who has caught 43 passes for 687 yards and six scores. Expect every Wildcat defensive back to have his hands full this weekend against a deep receiving corps.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Led by redshirt freshman sensation Aldon Smith, the Tigers' defensive front four has been one of the team's best units in 2009. The starting linemen have combined for 124 total tackles, including 23 stops behind the line of scrimmage and 12.5 sacks. This could mean trouble for a K-State offense that has relied heavily on its ground attack all season.

LINEBACKER: Arguably the Tigers' most well-rounded unit, the Missouri linebacking corps has been a force to be reckoned with throughout the 2009 campaign. Led by All-America candidate Sean Weatherspoon, the three starters have racked up a total of 184 tackles, including 20 behind the line of scrimmage, and 7.5 sacks. The unit has also played a role in the turnover game, combining for three forced fumbles this season. K-State running back Daniel Thomas, who torched Kansas for 185 yards last weekend, could have some trouble if the Wildcat offensive line can't contain the Tiger linebackers.

WEAKNESSES

RUNNING BACK: Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel has installed an offense that primarily focuses on the passing game, so it's no surprise that the Tigers' running game has played a minimal role this season. Junior Derek Washington has been servicable when used – he averages four yards per carry – but a lack of touches has limited Washington to an average of 62.4 yards per contest and a total of just five touchdowns. K-State's run defense, which ranks 20th nationally, should have little trouble neutralizing Missouri's ground attack.

TIGHT END: The Tigers' offense may feature a potent aerial attack, but since the loss of former star tight end Chase Coffman last year, the position has been virtually non-existent. This year's starter, sophomore Andrew Jones, has caught just seven passes for 39 yards and has yet to score a touchdown in 2009. Don't expect K-State's pass defense to pay much attention to Jones, as the unit will likely be preoccupied with trying to contain the Tiger wide receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE: For a team that relies so heavily on the passing game, a consistent, reliable offensive line is a necessity. The Tigers haven't been so fortunate this season, as Missouri quarterbacks have been sacked 15 times through the team's first nine contests. K-State's defensive pressure has come on strong in the last several games, and the Wildcats could have another big day against Missouri's susceptable front five.

SECONDARY: While Missouri's run defense has been spectacular this season, the Tigers' pass defense has been lackluster through the team's first nine games. Only one of the starting defensive backs has recorded more than 40 tackles this season, and the starting unit has only combined for one interception in 2009. If K-State is forced to look to its passing game, Wildcat quarterback Grant Gregory could put up decent numbers against the Tigers.

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CHERRY | Junior working kicks from left hash, hang-time

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from the left hash mark are what he will focus on in practice this week.

The last two weeks he has sent two kickoffs out of bounds, which is another area he said he needs to improve in.

"We want to kick it in the corner because that's the hardest spot to bring the ball out of," Cherry said. "But at the same time I almost hate doing those because last two games I've kicked two out of bounds, and it's just so hard because if you mis-hit the ball even a little bit it's going to go out of bounds."

He said he focuses on giving kickoffs height to allow his teammates time to get down the field and stop the advance of the ball.

Snyder has stuck with Cherry all the way, and he continues to support him whenever he is questioned about the kicker's ability and development.

"I'm proud of Josh," Snyder said. "He's a diligent worker. Did you see him make a tackle on that 70-yard kickoff? He outran every guy we had, which tells you something right there, and made a tackle on the sideline. He's that kind of a young guy."

Wildcats need win to keep pace in North division race

TYLER SCOTT

The Wildcats pulled off a critical victory in what has already been a surprising season. Though the game was low-scoring, the team managed to hold the Jayhawks to 10 points.

The game started out a little sloppy as a few Wildcat receivers had some trouble holding onto the ball. Senior wide receiver Brandon Banks had a pass slip through his fingers in what could have been a big touchdown reception. The defense also could not contain Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing and left receivers open for big yardage.

The running game for K-State was strong again as Daniel Thomas rushed for 185 yards and a touchdown. Grant Gregory contributed little through the air, throwing for 66 yards and a touchdown.

Reesing threw for 241 yards and a touchdown, but had three turnovers, which decided the game. He threw a pick and fumbled twice while running for first downs. KU kicker Jacob Branstetter also missed two key field goals.

Jake Sharp, Jayhawk running back, ran only for 35 yards and had 12 yards receiving. Receiver Dezmon Briscoe had 76 receiving yards and a touchdown.

With the success K-State has had at home this year, there was no bigger win than this one. If K-State can pull off a win against the Tigers, they will have a solid grasp on the Big 12 North.

However, if K-State loses to Missouri this week and Nebraska beats KU, then the Huskers would take over first place in the North. That would force a decisive game in the next week when the two teams meet in Lincoln, Neb.

K-State will have their final home game of the season Saturday against the Tigers. The game is scheduled for another 11:30 a.m. start and should be a near-packed house, as the KU game was.

Missouri is led by young quarterback Blaine Gabbert, who has thrown for over 2,000 yards and 17 touchdowns. The team also has Kansas City native Derrick Washington, who has run for over 500 yards and five touchdowns, at running back.

Missouri hasn't had as strong of a season as they might have wished for. They are 5-4 overall, but have a 1-4 conference record, after losing to Baylor last week.

I think the crowd intensity will play another huge factor in this week's game. The home-field advantage has been the key for the team all year and they seem to play a lot better on their own turf.

The defense will need to step up once again and K-State will need to continue Thomas' running game. He has already run for over 1,000 yards and has 11 touchdowns.

I think the Wildcats will continue their undefeated home record and pull off a 24-14 victory.

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Matching Up

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OFFENSE

The K-State offense did exactly what it needed to do against Kansas last Saturday, with running back Daniel Thomas leading the charge with 185 yards and a touchdown. The Wildcats did not turn the ball over, and while there were some miscues with the passing game, they controlled the line of scrimmage and wore out the Jayhawk defense. The Tigers have fared well against the run this season, but have not faced many teams that feature a run-first offensive style like K-State's offense. This game will be a test for Thomas and the offensive line.

The Missouri offense is coming off a big game against Baylor. While the Tigers lost to the Bears, 40-32, Tigers quarterback Blaine Gabbert threw for a school-record 468 yards. The Tigers squandered a 27-16 halftime lead in the loss in what has been an inconsistent season thus far. While Mizzou has a strong passing game, the rushing attack has been less than stellar, ranking 10th of 12 in the conference with 111 yards per game. It's likely that if Mizzou wins this game, it will be because of their passing game, not the work of running back Derrick Washington.

DEFENSE

Easily the most consistent unit on the team, the Wildcat defense has continued to perform well, holding the Kansas Jayhawks to just 10 points and 60 rushing yards. The Wildcats also did a good job of limiting big plays downfield, forcing the Jayhawks to throw short passes that were easily contained by the K-State safeties. Against the Tigers, similar tactics should work, with the Wildcats focusing on containing Gabbert and the Tiger passing game. Forcing turnovers would also be a big plus in helping the Wildcats win Saturday.

The Tiger defense has played inconsistently lately. Giving up 40 points at home to Baylor is bad. Standout linebacker Sean Witherspoon ranks second in the Big 12 with 9.33 tackles per game and is tied for fourth on Mizzou's all-time tackle list. He leads a defense that has fared well against the run for most of the season. Besides their game against Nevada, where they allowed 218 rushing yards, the Tiger defense has held running games below their averages, meaning quarterback Grant Gregory might have to make some big throws on Senior Day.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The K-State special teams took a hit last week against the Jayhawks, with kicker Josh Cherry missing another kick and the kickoff coverage unit allowing a 67-yard return by safety Darrell Stuckey to open the game. Also, the Jayhawks were wise enough to kick the ball away from Brandon Banks, so there were no special teams touchdowns. Punter Ryan Doerr has combined with D.J. Fulhage to put opponents in tough spots by punting well. But most remarkably, this unit has not turned the ball over lately, handling snaps cleanly and not allowing any blocked punts. So in this instance, a missed field goal or two is a small price to pay if everything else can go right on special teams against the Tigers.

Mizzou's special teams have played well throughout the season, with kicker Grant Ressel going 17-18 on field goals this season, placing him second in the NCAA in field-goal accuracy. He is also perfect on extra points this season. The Tigers' returns have been less impressive, with their kickoff returner Jasper Simmons averaging just 21.1 yards per return with no touchdowns. Actually, no Tiger returner, on either punts or kickoffs, has scored a touchdown for the special teams, while the coverage unit has given up a punt return for a score. The team is ninth out of 12 in the conference in kickoff return yardage, meaning they will need a particularly good play to score on special teams against the Wildcats.

PREDICTION

K-STATE 24, MIZZOU 17

While the Tigers currently sit at five wins and are on the cusp of bowl elibility, it is fair to say that the Wildcats have more to play for this week. Combining the implications this game has on the Big 12 North race, their own bowl eligibility and the fact that it is Senior Day, the Wildcats will be extremely well-prepared to play Saturday. However, this game will probably be close throughout, with both teams being involved in a lot of hard-fought games that come down to the final possession. Barring an unforeseen injury, expect to see Thomas run for more than 100 yards and to score at least one touchdown.

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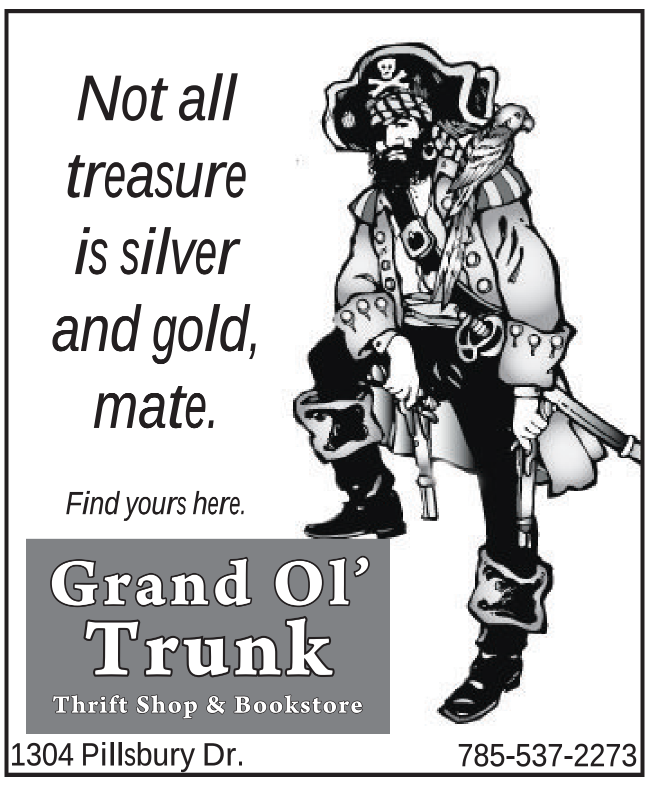

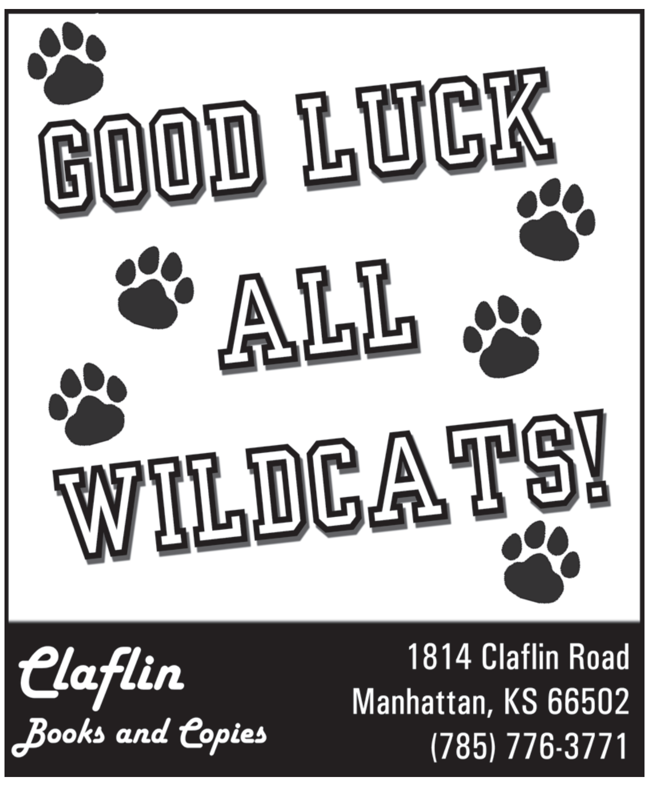

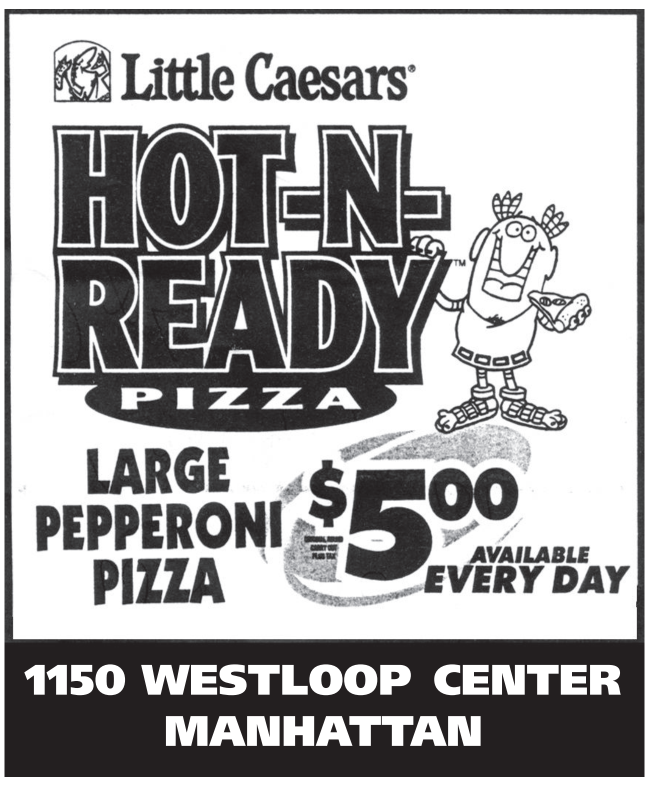

Wildcats host Tigers in home finale

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The K-State football team will put its 5-0 home record on the line Saturday when it hosts the Missouri Tigers at Snyder Family Stadium Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

The Wildcats (6-4, 4-2 Big 12 Conference) have not finished the season undefeated at home since 1999, and Saturday's matchup with Missouri (5-4, 1-4) on Senior Day is the final home game of the season. If they do move to 6-0, they will not only remain atop the North standings, but will become bowl eligible.

Senior offensive lineman Nick Stringer said he knows time is running out on his final season as a Wildcat.

"Opportunities are running out," he said. "We don't have a lot of practices left. If we want to keep playing, we've got to do well."

The senior also said he knows the implications of Saturday's game in terms of extending his season.

"We do have a chance to do something special," Stringer said. "We just need to take advantage of the opportunity."

When asked about his own enthusiasm towards the season, head coach Bill Snyder was his usual stoic self.

"I really haven't gotten too excited about it," Snyder said. "I try to stay on an even keel. But I am very happy for our players and our fans. I think that we have a very loyal fan base, and to see that our success as a team makes our fans happy, then that gives me a good feeling about it."

Beating the Tigers will not be easy, as they have several things to play for as well. After a surprising 4-0 start in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the team, the Tigers struggled through a tough Big 12 schedule early on, losing to three ranked teams to open conference play. When asked about the rest of the season, Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel said he was only focused on this week's game.

"Well, I think we should probably just focus on K-State," Pinkel said. "I think everybody re-evaluates their goals a little bit. We got stung pretty good Saturday, so we're just going to focus on getting better."

The coach had high praise for Snyder, saying he admires the Wildcat coach.

"He's always been a disciplined, attention to detail guy," Pinkel said about Snyder. "He is committed to what he does, and he doesn't follow trends."

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Running back **Daniel Thomas** is tackled by Kansas cornerback **Chris Harris** in the Wildcats' 17-10 win last week.

While the matchup Saturday is important to both teams, winning the North title is riding on next week's game in Lincoln, Neb., against the Huskers. The game, which will likely decide the division race, is set to air on either ESPN or ESPN2 at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

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